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BOYD FIGHTS FOR VETERANS

Administration's budget fails to support our nation's veterans

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today criticized the Administration's 2006 budget.

"As we prepare to welcome home a new generation of men and women from Iraq and Afghanistan, the Administration's budget fails to support our nation's veterans," Boyd said.

The Administration's budget provides \$31.4 billion for veterans programs, which is \$338 million below the level authorized by Congress.

The Administration's budget fails to repeal the Disabled Veterans Tax, which would allow disabled veterans to deduct the cost of their health care from their income.

The budget also imposes a \$250 annual enrollment fee for Priority 7 and Priority 8 veterans. These are the lowest priority veterans on the waitlist for health care.

"Our government has made a number of promises to the men and women who served in our nation's armed forces, and this budget fails to live up to those promises," Boyd said.

A fifth generation farmer from Monticello, Congressman Boyd is in his fifth term in the United States Congress.